

BRIDGER BOWL

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**Bridger Bowl Association
Minutes Fall Meeting
November 23, 2010
7:00 P.M. Jim Bridger Lodge, Bozeman**

BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Randy Elliott, General Manager, Dave Ballinger, Treasurer, Jim Drummond, Pat Holland, Kristie McPhie, Doug Monger, Bob Pettitt, Steve Pohl, R.A. Schmidt, Rich Stoltzfus, Estela Villasenor Allen.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The spring, 2010 Association Meeting minutes were circulated for review. Doug Richmond moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor. The minutes were approved as circulated.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the statements of financial activities and financial position were distributed. Dave Ballinger detailed income and expenses. Net profit for the year was \$742,868 down from \$990,752 the previous year. There are no loans currently out. Skier visits totaled 199,061 for the year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Rich Stoltzfus

Recognition of staff- Rich recognized Randy and the staff for their excellent work and commitment to the new lift and terrain work.

Audit- A yearly independent audit is conducted at Bridger; the audit is available for any association member to review. Insurance coverage is also reviewed annually, coverage now totals \$20 million.

Red Chair Lottery-175 chairs were sold. Entry fees alone totaled \$8,600, which was all donated to Bridger Bowl Foundation. The foundation has also received \$1,500 in senior season pass donations this year from season pass web sales.

Powder Magazine- Bozeman was recently named #1 ski town in the U.S. Our area is experiencing increased national recognition.

Senior Pass Discounts- The senior age for pass discounts was changed this year. The board felt this was important due to the swelling population of baby boomers, looking down the road to future impact. This was an attempt at trying to keep distribution of costs more equal, and help young families. There were three options considered by the board before making this decision.

MANAGER'S REPORT- Randy Elliot

Weather- Randy thanked members for attending on such a cold night. Alpine weather station recorded -17 degrees and 44" base just before the meeting.

Early Opening- Randy announced that the hill will be opening this Friday for the weekend. There is plenty of snow, the challenge this year was getting geared up with new lift. Staff was thanked for working so hard to make it happen.

Staff Introductions- Randy introduced management staff that were present and highlighted their recent work.

Jeff Abelin- Tickets and computers

Bob Allen- Facilities and Risk

Dave Ballinger- Finances

Mark Cowett- Rental Shop

Dan Furlong- Food Service

Doug Richmond- Ski Patrol Director

Marketing Department- The marketing department recently received County approval for a new entrance sign. The new sign will be installed this season. They have updated and improved the BB website, and a new, more sophisticated reservation system is now up and running.

Summer Projects- The big summer project this year was the new Bridger lift, there were a few delays, but it is successfully installed. Snow making above Boot Hill will be put in next summer. In addition to new lift installation, there has been significant improvement to terrain with removal of roads and reshaping of terrain areas. A rope tow at the base of Bridger lift is still being installed. It should be done by next week. The old Head's Up traverse has been relocated to be more user friendly for those choosing not to use the tow rope.

Early Open- The mountain will open this weekend, all lifts but Schlasman's which is still undergoing some work. Loading carpet and load testing on Bridger Lift are complete. There is an oil leak in the drive on the new lift. It will be operable for the weekend, but will then have to be removed and sent to Billings to have the seal replaced, it should be back up and running the following weekend.

Member Questions- Questions were fielded. Lighting at the new sign will not be possible as there is no power source. New chairs were added to Pierre's Lift. The new loading carpet made this possible, as people are able to load more quickly. Increasing the number of chairs on Schlasman's is not possible due to Forest Service restrictions in the FEIS and small loading area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Long- Range Planning- R.A. reported on the new land purchase. He had a map available for members to view. The next lifts planned will go into the Alpine area. Alpine will be removed, and two new lifts will be installed.

NEW BUSINESS

New Members- The following applications for membership were presented for ratification: Craig Bevnig, Eric Sheckleton, Mitch Miller, Nicholas Wickes, Ed Sherwood, Lillian Lueder, Fredric Leopold, Vernon Phillips, Judy Phillips, Patrick Stranahan, Ron Matelich, Swithin McGrath, Patrick Lonergan, Cliff Everest, Brooke Everest, Susan Carstensen, Larry Haferman, Triel Culver, Robin Culver, Rachel Pohl, Scott Bohn. Velma McMeekin moved to ratify membership of those presented. Karen Schmidt seconded the motion. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion carried, memberships were approved.

Accessibility of Board Members- Pat reported that there is better access on-line via email. Also, a new program will be started this year. Board members will meet with interested members and public on the mountain on the second weekend of each month. This is an effort to hear ideas for direction directly from skiers. Members were asked to share their ideas for improvement and thoughts with board members.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The President welcomed a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made from the floor. The motion was seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.



RICH STOLTZFUS, PRESIDENT



BOB PETITT, SECRETARY